

THE WEATHER

Cold wave—fair tonight and Tuesday; colder tonight with lowest about 15 degrees; strong northwest winds.											
TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR											
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UNIVERSITY CLUB SAFE IS ROBBED BY BOLD SNEAK THIEF

\$700 Taken by Robber, Who Gets Key to Strong Box From Drawer During Night

WATCHMAN WAS ABSENT ON ROUNDS AT THE TIME

The safe in the basement of the University Club, 1510 Walnut street, was robbed some time during last night of checks and money to the total sum of \$700, by a thief who broke into a drawer in the club office to get the key.

No arrest has yet been made.

Police and club officials think the thief was some one familiar with the routine of the club, as he knew where to get the key and made his raid upon the safe during the night watchman was making his rounds on the upper floors of the club.

The robbery was discovered when the club attendants came to work this morning. They found that a drawer in the club office, on the first floor, had been broken into and rifled. Then it was discovered that the door of the safe, in which the club's cash and checks are kept, was standing unlocked. A quick examination of the contents of the safe showed that the money and checks deposited there by the cashier last night, had been taken.

\$250 in Cash Taken

There was about \$250 in cash in the safe. The rest was in checks, most of them negotiable.

No one, the officials say, not familiar with the club's custom of locking the money in the safe and locking the key in the office drawer, would have been able to get away with the robbery without detection.

There is no night clerk at the club, but a night watchman is on duty, going from one floor to another and patrolling the entire building at regular intervals.

It took but a few moments to break into the drawer. The key was easily accessible there to an eye who knew where to look for it. With the key the thief hastened down to the basement. The safe there is a strong one, and without the key would have defied robbers for a long time. The thief had to work fast, because the watchman on his rounds might be expected in the basement at almost any moment.

Called "Inside Job"

Another feature of the case which leads to the suspicion that some one with the club's keys was in the room is the fact that entrance to the club had not been forced, so far as has been learned.

The robbery at the club last night raised an attempt to hold up the club, which was frustrated by Levering Jones, son of a prominent Philadelphia family, who informed the police of a hold-up plot six hours before the hold-up was attempted.

Women Want State Jobs

Thousands Willing to Accept \$7-a-Day Posts in Assembly

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 17.—"You may be able to keep the police out of politics, but it will take more than an amendment to the city charter or the constitution to keep the women out of politics."

With this remark, delivered with a great deal of spirit, W. Harry Baker, secretary of the Senate and of the Republican state committee, today made it clear that he has volumes of evidence to show women will not be left behind by men in the race for political preferment.

Baker has been deluged with letters from women, particularly Philadelphia, which the writers earnestly and frankly applied for the early day jobs which the House and Senate committees have to pass out.

TWO PATROLMEN DISMISSED

One Found Guilty of Stealing Coat. Other A. W. O. L.

Two patrolmen were dismissed from the force today by the Civil Service Commission, one charged with stealing a fellow policeman's coat, and the other with being absent without leave.

They are John A. Matchett, of the Second and Christian streets station, and Anthony Middleton, of the Sixth and Thompson streets station. Matchett was once before discharged from the service for absence from duty, but was reinstated during the Smith administration. Middleton was found guilty of appropriating a coat belonging to William McNichols, a member of the Commission.

WOMEN PATROLMEN FREED

Hotel Complaints Says Mother and Daughter Paid Bill

Mrs. Catherine Kelland and her daughter, Miss Gail Kelland, of New York, arrested on the charge of attempting to defraud the Adelphi Hotel, \$62, were not prosecuted when arrested for a hearing before Magistrate McNeely at City Hall today.

Representatives of the hotel attended the hearing and said that reason no prosecution would follow. The women were discharged.

FALL KILLS POLICEMAN

Accident on December 26 Proves Fatal to Edward Holtry

Edward Holtry, a patrolman attached to the Front and Westmoreland streets station house, died in the Episcopal Hospital early today from a fractured skull.

On December 26, Holtry, on his way to his home, 230 West Erie avenue, was riding on the running board of an automobile, when he fell off, striking his head on the curb.

Milford, Del., on Lim'rick Map

The prize for the limpin' lim'rick today goes to Milford, Del. The completed verse is:

LIMERICK No. 25

A really romantic young thing Thought she'd win her young man if she'd sing.

She went up to high E, But he shouted, "Oh, Gee!

Take your E's (ease) on my knees; here's the ring."

There's Another Limpin' Lim'rick Today—See Page 2

COURT TO CONSIDER DISABLED SOLDIERS 'SOCIAL' CARD GAME NOT SEEN BY BOARD

West Phila. Woman Whose Poker Session Was Raided Again Held in Jail

ROTA'S OFFICE PLEADED

Grave Injustice Charged as Result of "Absent" Examination of Petitioners

LEGION POST CITES CASE

ARREST NEGRO IN DEATH OF ARMY NURSE

Is Reported to Have Been Seen in Vicinity of Murder

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STATE LEGISLATION WAITS AS LEADERS FIGHT OVER CLERK

Penrose Dictum Used as "Stall" in Supposed Deadlock Over Chairmen of Committees

ASSEMBLY MEETS TONIGHT; PHILA. COMBINE ARRIVES

Legislative Situation That Presses Storm

Senator Penrose suggests reappointment of all old committee chairmen.

This would make W. Heber Dithrich chairman of the House Judiciary general committee. George P. Oliver is against Dithrich; Max Leslie is for him.

Governor Spruill is for Oliver. Governor resolves to deliver his message to the Legislature in person.

By a Staff Correspondent

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 17.—While

Republican leaders are "stalling around" with the Penrose dictum to reappoint all old chairmen to committees, it developed clearly today that the only real thing left to settle in the House is the disposition of a comparatively minor clerkship.

It appears that the big leaders are waiting time trying to settle who is to get the assistant clerkship of the House.

This job pays \$1800 for a legislative session and \$175 a month between sessions.

One of the leaders said frankly today:

"After all this talk of a quick and amicable session, with nothing but constructive programs of legislation to be considered, isn't it ridiculous to find the leaders losing the whole idea in a futile argument about a clerkship?"

The present holder of the office of assistant clerk of the House is J. Edward Brackney, of Allegheny county.

The Oliver contingent is fighting to have him reappointed.

Senator Max Leslie is strongly opposed to Brackney and wants his head for the reason, it is explained, that Brackney is a "stall" in the interest of the Oliver slate.

Philadelphia Combine on Job

Philadelphia's combine leaders arrived here at noon to battle for the reappointment of Senator Augustus J. Daij, Jr., as assistant clerk of the Senate.

A strong movement to unseat Daij has been started, with the object of bringing a new slate of names before the Senate.

This is viewed as a back-fire from the upsetting of the state administration program in regard to the clerkship.

The combine represented by Senator Vane, Thomas W. Cunningham and Richard Weglein, president of City Council.

Oliver is here for Daij, said President Weglein.

"That is the chief reason for my coming up here," said the senator, "and this recognition and we expect to win."

The opinion prevails that Daij will be reappointed.

Weglein brought him a bill, to be introduced by Senator Daij, which would amend the city charter so as to permit the floating of short-term loans for revenue purposes.

This is the only amendment to the charter that the combine proposes to stand for. They expect that amendments desired by the Moore administration will be side-tracked.

Leslie has the advantage in that Representative William J. McCaig, chairman of the House Judiciary committee, has been secured by the Oliver faction.

Leslie's advantage is just as much opposed to Brackney as is Leslie.

Oliver Caused Deadlock

However, the Penrose idea is for the reappointment of officers as they stood at the close of the last session. By this plan, Leslie wins the clerkship.

W. Heber Dithrich as chairman of the Judiciary general committee of the House.

Oliver opposed Dithrich, and backed Nelson McV. Morrell, who insisted that his wishes should be granted, inasmuch as he had the support of fourteen of the twenty-four members of the House.

Leslie declared that Oliver was not as sure of his ground as the latter insisted he was.

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Today's Developments in National Capital

The Senate committee investigating the coal industry was informed that coal is sold at Reading, Pa., mines at \$5.00 a ton.

Senator Penrose presented the emergency tariff bill to the Senate.

The Senate Judiciary committee approved the House resolution proposing repeal of most of the special wartime laws.

LANGDON'S WIFE A SUICIDE

Ends Her Life on Hearing of Husband's Tragic Death

Manila, Jan. 17.—(By A. P.)—The Russian wife of Naval Lieutenant Warren H. Langdon, American officer killed by a Japanese sentry at Vladivostok recently, ended her life upon learning of her husband's death, according to a Reuter dispatch from Vladivostok.

By the Associated Press

Washington, Jan. 17.—The Senate committee investigating the coal industry turned today to the field of retail coal distribution. As a preliminary step it sought to ascertain ruling wholesale prices on anthracite.

Francis Walker, a federal trade commission economist, testified that the average wholesale selling price at mines around Reading, Pa., last Friday was \$5.00 a ton, taking all the various prices for different sizes of anthracite into consideration.

He explained that the date of the session had a direct bearing on the tariff revision hearings which the committee is now conducting, and it was said that Mr. Harding informed him that April 4 practically had been decided upon.

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